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The following policy is a model provided as a resource for Montana school districts to adopt and implement as encouraged by the Montana Board of Public Education, National School Boards Association, and the National Association of State Boards of Education.

Comprehensive Tobacco-Free School Policy

The District maintains tobacco-free buildings and grounds. Tobacco includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, and smokeless tobacco.

Tobacco use by students, school staff, parents, and visitors is prohibited in all public school buildings or public school property and at school-sponsored functions, whether on or off campus. Exceptions to this policy include school sanctioned events in which tobacco products are allowed as exhibits to demonstrate the risks of tobacco use or in connection with American Indian cultural activities.

For the purpose of this policy, "public school building or public school property" means:

- Public land, fixtures, buildings, or other property owned or occupied by an institution for the teaching of minor children that is established and maintained under the laws of the state of Montana at public expense; and
- Includes playgrounds, school steps, parking lots, administration buildings, athletic facilities, gymnasiums, locker rooms, and school vehicles.

Tobacco advertising and the acceptance of tobacco industry sponsorship or promotional products are prohibited on the school campus, in school publications, and at all school-sponsored functions.

The Board supports classroom-based instruction on tobacco use prevention, including training for teachers whose instructional duties include tobacco use prevention content. The District encourages that students, families, educational personnel, and school visitors be notified of this policy through such means as handbooks, newsletters, and on posted notices at all school entrances and other prominent locations.

Violation of the policy by students and staff will be subject to actions outlined in District discipline policies. Visitors who violate the policy will be asked to discontinue use of the tobacco product or leave the premises. Information about nicotine addiction services and referrals to tobacco cessation programs will be provided to students and staff who have violated school policy.

Legal Reference: §20-1-220, MCA

§§ 50-40-101, et seq., MCA
ARM 37.111.825

Use of a tobacco product in public school building prohibited
Montana Clean Indoor Air Act of 1979
Health Supervision and Maintenance